

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 2, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 3-7, with the following substitute paragraph:

This application claims priority to French Application No. 02/15771 filed ~~13 December 2003~~ 13 December 2002, and further claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/444,648 filed 04 February 2003, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.